

4th Grade News

Highlights of the Week

Math

This week students were strengthening their understanding with multiplication and division word problems. We also discussed factors and multiples!

Science

Students were able to learn more about parts of our brain and how it works. Also how it controls our body. In the pics below, students were tricking their brain to think there was a hole in their hand! Students were really interested in this learning!

ELA

These readers are showing great skill at identifying the main idea of what they read. This week, they looked at deconstructed paragraphs. They matched sentences by topic and then determined which was the main idea sentence and which sentences were the supporting details.

In our OG Word Study and Spelling lessons, students reviewed “lobster words” as a way of dividing words by syllables. A lobster word has 3 (or sometimes 4 or 5) consonants between the vowels. Some examples are contrast, membrane, tantrum, and extreme. The syllable division techniques we learn support students in their reading and spelling of longer, multisyllabic words.

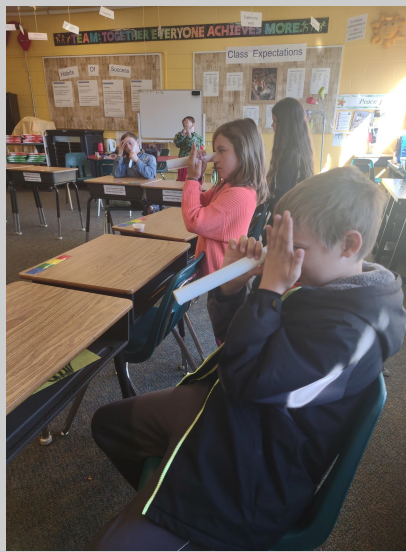
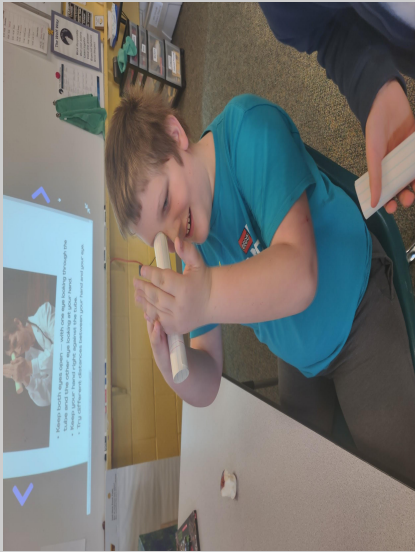
Global Studies

Students began to apply their main idea skills to our research about the Northeast Region. They read an informational text about the Northeast. We talked about paraphrasing (putting ideas into their own words) and taking notes. They began taking notes on the Natural Resources & Industry, Landmarks & Landforms, Climate, and History & Culture of the Northeast.

Conversation Starters

- How did your Main Idea Quiz go? Does finding the main idea of something you read feel easy, medium, or difficult to you?
- What does it mean to paraphrase something that you’ve read or heard? Why is it important to paraphrase rather than copy exactly what the author wrote?
- Can you show me how to divide these words into syllables: entrench, pumpkin, kindred?
- Most lobster words divide syllables after the first consonant, like in/step. What are some of the exceptions to this rule?
- Can you tell me a word problem that involves multiplication?
- Can you tell me a word problem that involves division?
- What is a Factor?
- What is a Multiple?
- Tell me something you learned about your brain?
- What does the right side of the brain control?
- What does the left side of the brain control?
- How do illusions occur?

Photos



Here are some pictures of the 4th graders
Making Aqua Fresca with our farm to
School helper!

